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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON CYPRUS SITUATION BY TURKISH DEFENSE ADVISOR

REF: USNATO 4443

1. ON 16 AUGUST, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NAC, TURKISH DEFENSE ADVISOR TOPUR ENGAGED US DEFENSE ADVISOR PRENDERGAST IN EARNEST CONVERSATION ON HIS GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE TOWARD RECENT NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO CYPRUS. TOPUR SAID HE PARTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. MISSION CANNOT JUDGE ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS, NOR WHETHER THEY COINCIDE WITH HIS GOVERNMENTS VIEWS.

2. TOPUR BLAMED BREAKDOWN OF GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, LEAVING TURKEY NO ALTERNATIVE BUT MILITARY ACTION, ON UK. HE WAS PARTICULARLY HARSH IN HIS CRITICISM OF MINISTER CALLAGHAN. HE ALLEGED THAT CALLAGHAN DID NOT PERFORM IN AN IMPARTIAL MANNER BUT ESPOUSED THE GREEK POSITION ON ALL ISSUES AND ENCOURAGED GREEK GOVERNMENT TO INFLEXIBLE POSITION. HE ALSO COMPLAINED OF CALLAGHANS PUBLIC  
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STATEMENTS CHARACTERIZING TURKS AS AGGRESSORS, HIS WARNING TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT "THOSE WHO LIVE BY THE SWORD SHALL PERISH BY THE SWORD." ACCORDING TO TOPUR, CALLAGHAN PRESENTED ULTIMATUM COUPLED WITH THREAT OF BRITISH MILITARY ACTION ON CYPRUS. FINALLY,

TOPUR THOUGHT IT IMPROPER THAT CALLAGHAN SHOULD HAVE ARROGATED TO HIMSELF THE ROLE OF CHAIRMAN AT GENEVA.

3. THE IMPLICATION OF THESE REMARKS WAS THAT AN AGREEMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AT GENEVA UNDER OTHER AUSPICES AND THAT TURKS WOULD FIND IT HARD TO WORK OUT REMAINING PROBLEMS IF CALLAGHAN CONTINUED TO PLAY PROMINENT ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.

4. TOPUR ALSO SAID THAT THE TURKISH TERRITORIAL DEMANDS MADE AT GENEVA EXCEED WHAT THE TURKS WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO SETTLE FOR BEFORE THE RECENT HOSTILITIES. NOW, HOWEVER, HE ADDED, SINCE TURKISH BLOOD HAS BEEN SPILLED IN OCCUPYING THIS AREA, TURKEY CANNOT SETTLE FOR LESS.

5. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON GREEK ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF NATO, TOPUR SAID THAT TURKS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR AND SAID THAT GOOD RELATIONS, COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS FULL PARTICIPATION OF BOTH IN NATO, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE SECURITY OF BOTH. PRENDERGAST OBSERVED THAT THE ACTIONS OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT FROM NOW ON COULD HAVE STRONG INFLUENCE ON THE COURSE GREECE FOLLOWS AND DAIS THAT SOME MAGNANIMOUS GESTURE ON THE PART OF TURKEY COULD BE HELPFUL. MCAULIFFE

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